

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Alex CIMPOIA et al.

Examiner: Kade Ariani

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Title: STEREOSELECTIVE PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF DIOXOLANE  
NUCLEOSIDE ANALOGUES

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued January 23, 2009, entry of the following  
amendments is respectfully requested:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this  
paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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